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For : **A CYLINDER CLEANING DEVICE AND CYLINDER  
CLEANING FABRIC USED THEREFOR**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to a substantive examination on the merits, please amend the above  
identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 9, lines 22-25, replace with:

--Fig. 95 is an explanatory drawing showing a conventional cleaning fabric take-  
up shaft;

Fig. 96 is a cross-sectional view of the schematic arrangement of a cylinder  
cleaning device; and--

Page 9, line 16, insert:

--Fig. 97A is a side view of a cleaning fabric take-up shaft applied to the cylinder  
cleaning device of the present invention;

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS INDICATING CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION**

Page 9, lines 22-25, replace with:

--Fig. 95 is an explanatory drawing showing a conventional cleaning fabric take-up shaft; [and]

Fig. 96 is a cross-sectional view of the schematic arrangement of a cylinder cleaning device [.]; and--

FIG. 95

Fig. 97B is a cross-sectional view taken along line R-R in Fig. 97A;

Fig. 97C is a cross-sectional view taken along line S-S in Fig. 97A;

Fig. 97D is a side view of a shaft member;

Fig. 97E is a cross-sectional view taken along line T-T in Fig. 97A;

Fig. 98 is a cross-sectional view showing another embodiment of a cleaning fabric take-up shaft applied to the cylinder cleaning device of the present invention;

Fig. 99 is a diagram for explaining take-up of the cleaning fabric; and

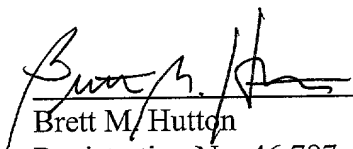
Fig. 100 is a diagram for explaining pulling up a cleaning take-up shaft from a cleaning fabric roll to which the cleaning fabric has been taken up.--

#### REMARKS

The Application has been amended to include the Brief Description for the drawings labeled Figure 97-100. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination in anyway, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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